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Mr. Robert A. Smoak Chief, Division of Enforcement and Security Management Department of the Interior Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Smoak:

Your letter of February 8, 1983 to the Director of Central Intelligence requesting reports on 95 countries in connection with defensive security briefings for Department of the Interior employees involved in foreign travel has been referred to me for response.

I understand that the early January Interagency Conference mentioned in your letter was chaired by the Department of State, with participation by the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Department of Energy. It is our considered view that the Department of State is in the best position to provide you with current data concerning various countries with which we maintain diplomatic relations. In fact, it is normally suggested that all travelers be advised to consult with the United States Embassy for timely information concerning the country being visited.

I have been advised by the Agency's Director of Security that the DCI Security Committee periodically reviews the list of countries considered hazardous for personnel with access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI). A copy of that list is enclosed and arrangements can be made to provide you with additional copies anytime the study is updated.

The Department of Energy has developed an excellent video cassette of a defensive briefing for foreign travel. Our Special Security Center has made a copy available to your Geological Survey at Reston, Virginia. I suggest that the judicious use of this security training aid would go far toward solving the problem described in your letter.

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In the event that you wish to pursue this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Director of Security, or Chief of the Special Security Center. Both of these officers would be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

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## COUNTRIES AND AREAS IN WHICH VISITS, TRAVEL, AND ASSIGNMENT ARE CONSIDERED TO BE A HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY

Listed below are countries and areas in which there is deemed to be a risk of harassment, provocation, entrapment, or detention of U.S. personnel. All territory controlled by the listed countries is included, irrespective of whether the national boundaries involved are formally recognized by the United States Government.

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Afghanistan
Albania
Angola
Bulgaria
Cambodia (Democratic Kampuchea)
China (Peoples' Republic of (includes Tibet))
Cuba (except U.S. Naval Base, Guantanamo)
Czechoslovakia
El Salvador
Ethiopia
German Democratic Republic (East Germany)
Grenada
Guyana
Hungary
Iran
Iraq
Laos
Lebanon
Libyan Arab Republic
Nicaragua
North Korea (and adjacent Demilitarized Zone)
Outer Mongolia (Mongolian Peoples Republic)
Poland
Romania
Southern Yemen (Peoples Republic of)
Soviet Sector of Berlin
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